

EXECUTE VERGARA

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For Two Days.

THEN SECRETLY MOVED

Brother-in-Law and U. S. Consul
Investigate Circumstances
of Death

Laredo, Texas, February 26.—Glen-
ville Vergara, an American citizen, was
rescued by a local mounted patrol
on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande
which was imprisoned at El Paso, Febru-
ary 24. Vergara, a lawyer, was
hauled from a tree three miles from
his city, and the body left uncared
for for two months later when it was
secretly removed.

This, it is stated, was established to
be the body of Vergara, who was
captured by S. J. Hill, brother-in-
law of Vergara, who went to make
himself a fortune as a horse and
cattle ranchman. He returned to
Nuevo Laredo late to night. Federal
agents, however, had no positive
knowledge of Vergara's death, and
captain Apolinario Rodriguez, com-
manding the mounted patrol, emphatic-
ly claimed that the horses which
Vergara claimed had been stolen from
him were not his. Vergara's
Hill, however, said he recognized the
horses among the horses rid-

It was established that Vergara was seized on the Mexican bank of the Colorado, on the island, about which the question is being raised, is a Mexican or American territory. Mr. Vergara witnessed the assault on her husband by a party of Mexican federal soldiers that Captain Rodriguez wanted to settle with him for the murder of his wife and, accompanied by his nephews, he fled. The boy ran and hid in the brush when he was knocked his uncle unconscious, and he was watching from the other bank, took him away to Hidalgo.

His wife's husband in jail the following day and dressed his wounds. On Saturday he was taken to the hospital and was to be transferred to Piedras Negras. Vergara was seen hanging. Two days ago he was disappeared and a newly made grave at Hidalgo Cemetery was noticed by several Mexicans, who

Consul General in the Nuevo Laredo police station. He was convinced by the Federal's attitude that it would have been dangerous to go to the morgue for the body hanging in the cemetery. He told them to get the identification tag that he would secure orders from the command of the body. That was the mistake he could not make, because in the identity of the man hung is assured by the identification of the body and the identification of the man was well known throughout that section.

Conflicting details in the story of the capture of the man, the bitter discussion here to-night, and the fact that Rodriguez had told Consul Bloker that he had joined the Constitutionals, and that he had never received any orders from the Federal forces, Negroes commander, General Vargas, and the Federal forces, General Vargas would be transferred to the Federal forces, General Vargas. The Federal captain was informed that the missing man had been sent to Piedras Blancas.

BENTON'S DEATH ORDERED BY VILLA

**New Version Differs Essentially
From Account Given by
Rebel Leader.**

According to this new version, which is said to come from Villa, Benton went to Villa's office in Juarez and abruptly entered the latter's quarters without a formal invitation. Villa at once recognized Benton as an old enemy, dating back to times prior to the insurrection, and slipping behind his visitor, barred the door. Villa, Benton they say, did not teach for Benton.

menacing motion, and neither did he use abusive language or give utterance to threats, but began to complain that he was being mistreated, and that he was being kept in a dark branch, and wanted to know when he would be allowed to return to the street for further molestation.

When the men took Benton, Villa, and the other men to the door, intending to walk to the door, slipped behind Benton and felt his hip pocket. Benton felt a revolver. Holding the gun in his hand, Villa and the other guards placed him under arrest, charging him with attempted murder.

After Benton was taken to another room, and later he asked for another interview. In this talk, it is said, Villa claims that Benton confessed to him that he had killed a man named John Harm, and Villa then admitted that he immediately ordered Benton shot.

Apparently there was no court-martial, and Benton was taken to the prison, Villa, and his questioners did not make him the direct question, believing it would be better to get a statement from himself, and giving statement that he

Obtained After Exertion.

This version of the shooting was obtained from Villa only after the exertion upon him of the various measures from various quarters to tell the truth.

Charles Carothers, of the consulate at Maricao, and the consul general at Mexico City, were designated as special agent of the State Department in its dealings with the revolutionary situation of recent months. For Chihuahua to-morrow to make arrangements for the examination of Benavente, the only train between Juarez and Chihuahua, he will travel on a railroad train with two gascoes.

After making arrangements for the reception of the Anglo-American investigation commission, Carothers expected to leave for the United States to-morrow, against which Federal stronghold an early attack is promised.

Charles Carothers, who arrived here to-night from Juarez, arrived here to-night from Juarez.

During the day the story of "Michaelis" that Gustav Bauch and thirteen other American prisoners were held in the "cave" of the "El Paso" mines, was careful not to appear on the American side, or to appear in any newspaper.

Reporters were allowed to visit the six lockups at Juarez, and found only a few prisoners, who were mostly Mexicans, such as being overcome by drugs, larceny and fighting. They were dressed as follows:

Edward Traband, a German, Matt Giddings, Joel Thornton, Paul Zamora, Robert O. Bridges, G. Banly, E. O. Brown, J. J. Brown, John R. Brown, Watson and Charles Willis. In most of these cases the names given are fictitious.

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